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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Takamasa Usui) Group Art Unit: 2811
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Serial No.: 10/734,106) Examiner: LOKE, Steven Ho Yin
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Filed: December 15, 2003)
) Confirmation No.: 4860
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)
USING INSULATING FILM OF)
LOW DIELECTRIC CONSTANT)
AS INTERLAYER INSULATING)
FILM)
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated December 1, 2004, the period for response extending to January 3, 2005, (January 1, 2005, being a Saturday) the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Species 1-10. Applicants provisionally elect without traverse to prosecute Species 1, characterized by the Examiner as a "distinct species of the claimed invention . . . fig. 1.," (Office Action, p. 2), and submit that claims 1 – 5 and 8 – 12 are readable thereon.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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